

P-478,433/PA-89-445 APPROVING TRANSFER AND REVOKING CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Application of Western Union Corporation for Permission to Discontinue WULDS Intrastate Telecommunications Service and to Cancel its Tariff in the State of Minnesota

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On April 26, 1989, Western Union Corporation (WUC or the Company) filed a petition with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) requesting approval to discontinue its long-distance service (WULDS) in Minnesota. On June 15, 1989 Telecom*USA and Teleconnect Long Distance Service and Systems Company (Teleconnect) filed an addendum to WUC's application, creating a joint application for Teleconnect to acquire the long distance switched voice and private line subscriber business from WUC.

The Department of Public Service (DPS or the Department) investigated the matter and confirmed that WUC would no longer be providing telephone service in Minnesota and recommended that the Commission approve the transaction and revoke WUC's certificate of territorial authority to provide intrastate telecommunications service on an intraLATA and interLATA basis as a reseller in Minnesota. WUC did not oppose revocation of its certificate. No other party commented.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

WUC has entered into an agreement with Teleconnect to transfer its WULDS business. The terms of the transaction are fair, reasonable, and do not jeopardize the public interest. The transfer will be approved.

WUC intends to stop providing its long-distance service (WULDS),

has so informed its customers, and is in the process of transferring its WULDS business to Teleconnect. The Company does not intend to resume providing long distance service. Under these circumstances, it is neither necessary nor appropriate for the Company to retain its certificate of authority to provide telecommunications services. The certificate of authority will be revoked.

ORDER

1. The joint application of Western Union Corporation and Telecom*USA and Teleconnect Long Distance Service and Systems Company for Commission approval of the transfer of Western Union Corporation's long distance business is granted.
2. Western Union Corporation's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide intrastate telecommunications service on an intraLATA and interLATA basis as a reseller in Minnesota which was granted on October 22, 1984 in Docket No. P-433/NA-84-567, is revoked.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Mary Ellen Hennen
Executive Secretary

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